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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, IC
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FIVE POWER INVITATION TO SAG AND SWAPO

REF: (A) USUN 0009 (B) USUN 0010 (C) BLAKE/EDMONDSON TELCON JAN 4

1. FRG AMBASSADOR HERGT AND I CALLED ON MFA PERMANENT UNDER-
SECRETARY BJORNSSON AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 4 TO INFORM HIM OF
WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP'S INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA. ACTING AS
SPOKESMAN, I INDICATED THAT MY GERMAN COLLEAGUE AND I WERE
ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF FRENCH AND U.K. AMBASSADORS WHOSE
GOVERNMENTS HAD ALSO PARTICIPATED IN DEVELOPMENT OF CONTACT
GROUP'S INITIATIVE. I THEN TOLD BJORNSSON OF IMPORTANCE WE
ALL ATTACHED TO PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF NAMIBIAN ISSUE
IN 1978 AND SOLICITED GOI'S SUPPORT OF INVITATION TO
SWAPO TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK TALKS SCHEDULED FOR
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JANUARY 17. I NOTED SOUTH AFRICA HAD ACCEPTED INVITA-
TION. I HANDED OVER TO BJORNSSON POUR MEMOIRE CONTAIN-
ING TALKING POINTS (REF B) WHICH FRG AMBASSADOR AND I
THOUGHT MFA WOULD FIND USEFUL IN TALKING TO OTHER NORDICS.

2. BJORNSSON LISTENED CAREFULLY TO MY COMMENTS AND SAID
THAT SINCE GOI DOES NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH

SWAPO, OR, FOR THAT MATTER, WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS HE THOUGHT FIRST STEP SHOULD BE FOR GOI TO CONSULT WITH OTHER NORDIC GOVERNMENTS, HERGT AND I AGREED THIS WOULD BE USEFUL AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT JOINT NORDIC APPROACH TO SWAPO WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE VIEW CLOSE CONTACTS CERTAIN NORDIC GOVERNMENTS DO HAVE WITH SWAPO, E.G., SWEDEN. BJORNSSON ASKED WHAT CONTACT GROUP WOULD DO IF SWAPO DECLINED INVITATION. I SAID WE HOPED THIS WOULD NOT OCCUR AND THAT WAS WHY WE ALSO HOPED NORDICS WOULD USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO INDUCE ACCEPTANCE. I ALSO ASSURED BJORNSSON GOI PERMREP IN NEW YORK WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED (AS PER TALKING POINTS).

3. I AM INFORMING BRITISH AMBASSADOR EAST OF FOREGOING AND AMBASSADOR HERGT IS INFORMING AMBASSADOR DE LA TOUR. BLAKE

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